

Sahuarro Weekly Update

"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."



Councilmember Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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Dear Sahuarro District Neighbors,

Please join me for the annual Sahuarro District Spring Fling event from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturday, February 20. This family-friendly outdoor event will be held at the Paseo Park ball fields, 63rd Avenue and Thunderbird Road.

This is my fifth year hosting the event which informs and educates residents on the variety of city and other community programs and services that are available to them.

Representatives from numerous city departments will be on hand to answer questions and provide residents with information on Glendale services. City vehicles and equipment will be on display from the Police, Fire, Public Works, and Transportation departments.

Our community partners Southwest Ambulance and the Glendale/Peoria YMCA plan to attend, and Southwest Ambulance will bring their popular kid's ambulance for kids of all ages to explore.

In addition to learning about local programs and services, families will enjoy free activities, including inflatable jumpers, a balloon artist and face painting.

A free hot dog lunch and refreshments will be served. For more information, call (623) 930-2016.

I hope to see you there!

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Notice. City of Glendale offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 18 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

For all households whose scheduled garbage and recycling service falls on or after the holiday, city sanitation crews will provide service on the following day. The Glendale Municipal Landfill will be closed. For more information about the city's Sanitation services, please call (623) 930-2660. [Click here](#) for the Sanitation holiday collection schedule.

Buses will run the normal weekday schedule. Gus the Bus route will only operate on one route. Dial-a-Ride will operate on a reservation-only basis. Reservations must be made by noon Friday, Jan. 15. For details about the holiday transit schedule, please call (623) 930-3500.

In addition, Glendale's three public libraries will be closed, as well as the Glendale Visitor Center.

While the Glendale Municipal Airport will remain open during the holiday, the airport's administrative offices will be closed.

However, the Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center will be open on this holiday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.



Citrus Zestival at Sahuarro Ranch Park. The Glendale Parks and Recreation Department's Citrus Zestival presented by Watermill Express celebrates Sahuarro Ranch Park's citrus heritage with citrus-related activities.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 23 at the Sahuarro Ranch Park Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave.

Admission is free and features citrus-themed entertainment, cooking demonstrations, a bake-off, exhibits, historic home tours, and an opportunity to pick your own citrus from the park's grapefruit and orange trees.

Bring a homemade citrus baked good for the Citrus Zestival Bake-Off Contest. A panel of local guest judges will evaluate the entries. First through third place will receive ribbons and recognition at the event, and on the Sahuarro Ranch Park historic Area web site. There is no entry fee for the contest, but registration is required by Wednesday, Jan. 20.

The event will also feature the debut of the Centennial Cookbook called "A Taste of Glendale - 100 years in the Making," which will include recipes from Glendale's people and history.

The Glendale Ambassadors will also be providing a community breakfast from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the venue. The breakfast is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. For more information call (623) 930-4200.

Beardsley Connector Project. A much-anticipated project to improve Loop 101 freeway access between 75th Avenue and Union Hills Drive, reduce bottlenecks at the Union Hills Drive interchange and improve regional freeway access in the Northwest Valley has begun.

The improvements include:

- Widening Union Hills Drive at the Loop 101 interchange to include an additional through lane in each direction to improve traffic flow
- Providing new freeway access at Beardsley Road by extending the roadway to connect with a new Loop 101 southbound frontage road, constructing a new u-turn on-ramp to northbound/eastbound Loop 101 and reconfiguring the interchange ramps at 75th Avenue and Union Hills Drive to provide new combined southbound on-ramps and off-ramps with Beardsley Road

Completion of all improvements is anticipated in late 2011, though major elements of the project will be open to traffic between fall 2010 and mid-2011.

Ongoing Restrictions

Left turns from eastbound Union Hills Drive to northbound Loop 101 will be restricted to one turn lane through late 2010 for interchange improvements.

For more information about Loop 101 Agua Fria improvements, [click here](#) or call the project hotline at (480) 890-3055.

Glendale University 101. Applications for the Spring 2010 semester of Glendale University (GU) “101” are now being accepted.

This free educational program is open to Glendale residents who are 16 or older and want to learn more about the operations of municipal government. GU classes will be on Monday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The 10-session course begins on March 1 and ends May 3, 2010. In order to graduate from the course, students must attend at least eight of the ten classes. Each class highlights key functions of the city including, but not limited to finance, library, police and fire services. Most classes will be held at the Glendale Adult Center located at 5970 W. Brown Street.

Early registration is encouraged as only a limited number of seats are available. Registrations for Glendale University 101 are due by Feb. 19, 2010. To register or for more information, [click here](#) or call (623) 930-2868.

Middle School Homework Club. Math seems to be the subject that gives more students problems than any other topic. At least, that is what the tutors for the Middle School Homework Club have seen.

Every Monday, from 3:30-5:50 p.m., sixth, seventh and eighth grade students are invited to come to Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., to get free extra help with homework from teachers at Sahuaro Ranch Elementary School and students taking part in the Future Teachers Academy at Ironwood High School.

Tutors can assist with reading, writing and other topics. For more information, call Glendale Main Library Youth Desk at (623) 930-3537.

Around Town

[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule.

Glitter & Glow Block Party, This Saturday! Glendale Glitters goes out with a bang with its annual finale to the season, the Glitter and Glow Block Party on Jan. 16, from 4-10 p.m. with fun for the whole family including free admission and free parking! For more information, call our Special Events Hotline at (623) 930-2299. [Read more.](#)

Glendale Police Department Shred Event. The Glendale Police Department is teaming up with the Target Corporation Saturday, January 23rd, 2010 for the city’s “Shred It and Forget It” event. This free “drive-thru” event is designed to promote public awareness about identity theft and fraud prevention. Community members are invited to bring their unwanted personal documents to be shredded securely on site, free of charge. Law Enforcement staff will be on hand to assist residents with the shredding of up to three boxes (banker-size) of personal documents at no charge from 9 a.m. until noon (or the trucks get full) at the Target Store located at 10404 North 43rd Avenue. Event participation is on a first come, first served basis. For more information, call (623) 930-2571.

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